



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with MOBILE VISION, INC., Euless, TX, for the purchase of VoiceLink Plus personal transmitters for use with the Mobile-Vision law enforcement in-car video/audio recording systems for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$60,450.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Amended Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Police;

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Mick Osborne, Sr. Buyer, 974-2995

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Sole Source.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this purchase.

This contract is for the purchase of 310 Mobile-Vision VoiceLink Plus personal transmitters for use with the in-car video/audio systems installed in Austin Police Department (APD) patrol vehicles. The transmitters will be carried by officers and will allow them to continue to record audio to the system after exiting the patrol vehicle. The purchase of these transmitters will provide consistency and compatibility with the in-car camera systems across the APD fleet. This purchase will ensure that each APD patrol officer is issued a transmitter.

In its Community Reconciliation Resolution adopted on July 23, 1998, the City Council directed the City Manager and Chief of Police to implement an in-car video program in all APD Area Commands. The program included a one-year pilot period starting January 1, 1999 and an additional five years to implement installation of cameras in all patrol cars. The program was successfully completed a year ahead of schedule in 2003. To date, 346 cameras have been purchased and installed in all patrol vehicles and other APD vehicles utilized throughout the City. Additionally, 156 Mobile-Vision in-car video systems are currently on order to replace the oldest of these video systems.

Mobile Vision, Inc. is the manufacturer and sole distributor of this product. Compatibility issues preclude the use of any other transmitter with the existing Mobile Vision equipment.